

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1 1. (Amended) A computer-implemented method for distributing telecommunication
2 services, the method comprising:
3 storing a set of responses to purchase requests for telecommunication services
4 associated with a plurality of service providers, each response reflecting at least one
5 telecommunication service offering associated with one of the service providers and a related
6 cost for the telecommunication service offering;
7 establishing a session for considering the purchase of telecommunication services;
8 **[inputting] receiving** a purchase request including information indicating a
9 requested telecommunication service;
10 assessing the stored set of responses to purchase requests for at least one response
11 reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested
12 telecommunication service; and
13 [permitting] **preventing** a requester **from accepting** [to accept] the response after
14 [during] **the session is terminated.**

1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 terminating the session, such that when the session is terminated the response can
3 no longer be accepted.

1 3. (Canceled) [The method of claim 1, wherein the response can only be
2 accepted during the session.]

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 permitting access by service providers to the stored set of responses to purchase
3 requests for telecommunication services.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 denying access by the service providers to the stored set of responses to purchase
3 requests for telecommunication services during the session.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 denying access by a service provider, during the session, to at least one response
3 of the stored set of responses to requests for telecommunication services, wherein the response to
4 which access is denied is the same as the response reflecting at least one telecommunication
5 service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 permitting each service provider to modify the stored set of responses to requests
3 for telecommunications services to reflect changes in the service provider's telecommunication
4 service offerings.

8. (Amended) A telecommunication service providing system, comprising:

a database [server having access to a memory] containing a set of responses to purchase requests for telecommunication services, each response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering associated with a service provider and a related cost for the telecommunication service offering;

a [client] computer in communication with a network and [electronically connectable to] the database [server], to establish a session for (i) [inputting] receiving a purchase request including information indicating a requested telecommunication service for at least one consumer, (ii) accessing the stored set of responses to purchase requests for at least one response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service for the at least one consumer, and (iii) [providing] receiving an acceptance to the response during the session.

9. (Amended) A computer-implemented method for [distributing] purchasing telecommunication services during a session, the method comprising:

storing a set of responses to purchase requests for telecommunication services, each response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering associated with a service provider and a related cost for the telecommunication service offering:

[inputting] receiving a purchase request during the session including information indicating a requested telecommunication service;

8 accessing the stored set of responses to purchase requests during the session for
9 at least one response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of
10 satisfying the requested telecommunication service; [and]
11 permitting a requestor to accept the response during the session; and
12 preventing the service provider from modifying the set of responses during
13 the session.